

APPROVED 8/11/16

**Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department
Park Board Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Parks Maintenance Building
185 Wolf Street, Yorkville, IL**

Call to Order: Deb Horaz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Deb Horaz - yes; Mark Dilday – yes; Amy Cesich – yes; Dan Lane – yes; Matt Konecki – no; Gene Wilberg – no; Sash Dumanovic - yes.

Introduction of City Official and Staff:

Tim Evans – Director of Parks and Recreation
Scott Sleezer – Superintendent of Parks
Shay Remus – Superintendent of Recreation
Ken Koch – Alderman

Other Guests: None.

Public Comment: None.

Presentation: Riverfront Foundation Check Presentation for Riverfront Park Playground – Scott introduced Kathy Jones. Scott said when Riverfront Park was created, there was a foundation started that collected money. The Riverfront Park was largely built by volunteers and donations. Kathy said it was in 1998.

Kathy is the sole representative from the Riverfront Foundation. There is a bit of money left in that account that can be used for something at Riverfront and that is why Kathy is here tonight. Kathy said she is here to give the city some money to be used at Riverfront Park. The board thanked her. Kathy presented \$15,028.60 from Riverfront Foundation.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the March 10, 2016 meeting were approved. Motion by Dan Lane seconded by Amy Cesich. Minutes approved.

Bills Review:

Bills List – April 14, 2016 – Informational purposes.

Budget Report – February 2016 – Informational purposes.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Yorkville Youth Tackle Football Field Usage Agreement – Tim said this is the same agreement we have had for the last two years. YYTF wants to use Rotary fields. Things have gone very smoothly the past two years. Scott said the city has put extra fertilizer down. They play on different places so they do not destroy the grass and the relationship has been going well.

Sash asked about the tournament fee. Tim said they would pay more if they wanted to host a tournament at that location. Motion to approve the Youth Tackle Football Field Usage agreement. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Bristol Bay 65 Grant Land Matching Extension – Tim said this the state has not reinstated the budgets and the city cannot take over the land and the city needs to do a new lease with the state in case the grants get reinstated. The fee is \$1000 a month, but Tim thinks the city should continue for another year and then re-evaluate.

The board asked how much the city has paid in fees thus far. Tim said he can look. Motion to extend the land matching for another year. Amy Cesich motioned and Sash Dumanovic seconded. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Review of the Bristol Bay 65 Development Request for Proposal – Tim said at the last meeting he discussed someone was interested in purchasing the south 15 acres of Bristol Bay 65. This is a formality to go on to city council and then the city can see actual proposals from people at that point.

Deb asked what happens if they purchase the land and do not follow through with the plans. Tim said they own the land at that point. Tim said he can ask what would happen. The board discussed the zoning of the park and what is allowed on that property. Whatever is built on that property has to be approved by the city and planning department.

Tim said this is a positive for the city with financial gain, a parking lot and a community center that fits in with a water park across the street. The board discussed what the structure is built out of and what it will look like. Motion to approve Bristol Bay 65 Development Request for Proposal - Amy Cesich motioned Dan Lane seconded. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Review of Park Policies – Tim said these are for review with the board tonight. Tim said some of the parks that are listed need to be updated. Tim said to please email suggestions and recommendations. The new smoking policy needs to be added to this. The fees will stay the same.

Reports:

Recreation – Shay said everything is running really well. Preschool enrollment is ahead of pace from last year. Basketball finished at the beginning of March and things went really well. Spring soccer started the last week of March and we did get the games in last weekend other than preschool and kindergarten. We split up the preschool and kindergarten, which has worked out well.

The egg hunt was around 250 people, which was a big success. Concession stands passed inspections and we have permits and are open as of yesterday at Bridge.

Parks – The athletic fields have been what we have been working on this past month. Baseball and soccer fields. Scott said that all the baseball fields were completely ready to go before turning that over to the leagues to manage. Bridge is still maintained by parks. Parks purchased a new van. Operating from the new location has been working well. Riverfront Park should be done by October 1st. The board discussed the layout of the new Riverfront Park.

Additional Business:

Tim said the Chicago Whitewater Association and the city are doing a tree memorial at Riverfront Park on Saturday April 30th at 11:00. They purchased three trees and the city is doing a plaque.

The Conservation Foundation did a cleanup at Riverfront Park last weekend. Tim said Push for the Path 5K run is May 7th. The golf outing will be June 3rd. Tim said one of Scott's employees is resigning and so the city will be filling that position.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. Motion by Dan Lane and seconded by Amy Cesich. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa Godwin

Minute Taker